

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

SUO MOTU (PIL) NO. 1 OF 2005

High Court on its own motion

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Ors.

...Respondents

None for the petitioner.

None for the respondents.

CORAM: **DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J. &**
S.J. VAZIFDAR, J.

DATE: **JULY 20, 2005.**

P.C.

In reply to the show cause notice, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Roha Forest Division, Dist. Raigad, has filed an affidavit. It is stated that the Range Forest Officer, Mobile Squad, Roha, had enquired into the matter confidentially. They visited various places. They found that the news item which was published in newspaper was without any substance. It is also mentioned that on 17th December, 2004, the Range Forest Officer, patrolled Mahad, Shrigaon, Bheloshi, Navan and adjoining areas and visited some of the tea stalls and hotels likewise. They also found that the news item is without any substance.

2. It is also mentioned that the territorial field staff as well as Mobile squad patrolled the area regularly to protect the forest and wild life and also to check the illicit activities, such as, illegal transport of forest ,produce and wild life articles. The news item does not give the places where rabbit and deer are supplied.

3. In view of the comprehensive affidavit filed by the Deputy Conservator of Forest, no further directions are necessary in this petition. This PIL is accordingly disposed of.

CHIEF JUSTICE

S. J. VAZIFDAR, J.